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SUBJECT: WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- 1. AS REQUESTED (REFTEL), ON JUNE 1 EMBASSY DELIVERED THE MESSAGE ON WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY TO PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER FOR AGRICULTURE AZIZUL HUQ. THEREAFTER EMBOFF CONVEYED TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS ANWARUL KARIM CHOWDHURY SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 REFTEL.
- 2. IN REPLY, CHOWDHURY MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS. THE BDG BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP SHOULD ROTATE BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS. SINCE U.S. HAS HELD THE POSITION FOR TWO TERMS, THE JOB SHOULD NOW GO TO A G-77 REPRESENTATIVE. THE BDG WOULD NOT VIEW TANCO'S PRESIDENCY OF WFC AS EQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR G-77 IF DC CANDIDATE IS CHOSEN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SINCE THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT IS LARGELY "CEREMONIAL". SALAHUDDIN AHMED HAS NOW BEEN ENDORSED BY THE G-77 AS THE SOLE LDC CANDIDATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. BDG IS THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECONSIDER AHMED'S CANDIDACY. FOR THESE REASONS BDG IS NOT INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AHMED FOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RATHER THAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A "DEAL". SCHNEIDER

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